

field. The fields are stored in a hierarchical format. For example, if a certain field is answered in the negative all dependent fields do not require data and are not presented to the user.

Turpin is completely different from the present invention. The present invention as recited in independent claims 1-3 and 15 require the reception of field identifiers and associated information. In particular, claim 1 recites "instructions configured to: populate the group of fields in response to the reception of field identifiers and associated information data...." Claim 2 recites, "instructions configured to: extract definition record from received data, the definition record including an ordered listing of identifiers for each of the fields being supplied in received data...." Claim 3 recites, "means for populating the group of fields in response to the reception field identifiers and associate informational data...." Claim 15 recited the step of "populating, respectively, the group of fields in response to the reception field identifiers and associated informational data...."

Turpin only receives field data from the user and does not receive field identifiers. In fact, Turpin does not need to receive field identifiers because the system selects and presents the field to the user. The user may only enter data to the field that is presented. x

In addition, as noted by the Examiner, Turpin does not disclose or suggest transmitting a facsimile of a generated form. The Examiner cites Cooper as teaching this feature. However, even if one combined Cooper and Turpin as suggested by the Examiner there is no disclosure or suggestion of receiving field identifiers. x

Accordingly, independent claims 1-3 and 15 are not disclosed or suggested by any reasonable combination of Turin and Cooper and the rejection of these claims along with the rejection of dependent claims 4-14 and 16-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 should be withdrawn.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this response, such extension is hereby requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 which are not enclosed, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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